

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, please amend the heading at line 25 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 7, please insert the following heading before line 5:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph begin on page 7, line 32 through page 8, line 15 as follows:

The lid 5 is attached to the closure element 4 by the hinge arrangement 9. The hinge 9 as illustrated in FIGS. 7 and 8 is injection moulded for retention on the retaining element. As shown in FIG. 10 the lid incorporates a lid engaging means 29 that engages the camming surface 28 on the retaining element so that the lid can assume a number of set positions such as 80° or 90° or any other angle. Preferably the hinge 9 is of a type that allows the lid 5 to be detached from the closure element 4. The lid incorporates a dependent flange 17 which is sufficiently deep adjacent the hinge 9 to ensure that the draining flange 18 projects beyond the internal edge of the closure element flange 16 so that any paint 19 on the lid 5 will drip back into the container as shown in FIG. 3. The portion 26 of flange 17 (shown in FIG. 9) aggressively abuts the strip 23 to provide a tight seal about the opening 15. To secure the lid 5 tightly to the closure element 4 the lid incorporates clips 7 which snap over the retaining lugs 8 on the outer edge of the element 4. The lid incorporates a spout cover 6 that encloses the spout 5A when the lid is closed. The contour of the edge of the flange 17 follows that of the sealing strip 23 so that the edge 22 abutting the wiping edge of the spout seals the lid against the edge of the spout 5A when the lid is closed